

Examiner has indicated that such amendments would place the application in condition for allowance. These amendments add no new matter (in particular, see page 20, lines 15-16, page 24, lines 34-35 and Figure 1) and clarify the MDK1 polypeptide domains being claimed in these dependant claims. Such amendments are believed to relate solely to matters of form and it is respectfully submitted that such amendments should not be construed as limiting the appropriate scope of protection provided under the doctrine of equivalents.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that they be allowed and passed to issue.

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